

Award by the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce.

She also devoted her time to the Moody support group for Moody Air Force Base in 1991, where her husband, Parker, was named executive director.

I commend Dr. Lucy Greene for her tireless efforts as an educator and advocate for our Nation's servicemen and -women.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Greene for everything she does.

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CELEBRATING PASSAGE OF THE NATIONAL LIBERTY MEMORIAL PRESERVATION ACT

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Black and indigenous soldiers who played a crucial role in winning our Nation's independence.

Soldiers of color made up a quarter of George Washington's forces by the time they marched to victory in Yorktown, but they have been largely erased from the story of our Nation.

At best, the teaching of Revolutionary War history fails to highlight the contributions of Black and indigenous Americans. At worst, it actively whitewashes them.

This Black History Month, I celebrate the passage of my National Liberty Memorial Preservation Act, which President Biden signed into law as part of last year's omnibus funding package.

My bipartisan legislation will establish a memorial to honor the soldiers of color who risked everything for American independence.

By establishing this memorial, we can write these brave soldiers back into the narrative of our American history.

RECOGNIZING AVA LAWLESS

(Mr. ALFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ava Lawless, a resident and constituent from my district in Missouri, and I am so honored to appoint her to the United States Air Force Academy.

Ava was my first appointee to a military academy, and we took in a lot—a lot—of qualified applicants on this one.

Ava is active, focused, and driven. She is going to the U.S. Air Force Academy, and she is proudly going to serve our great Nation.

She comes from a strong family. Her dad is, in fact, a graduate of the Air Force Academy. Her family instilled in her great dedication and a foundation of understanding and respecting our Nation.

They cultivated a real patriotism and passion for service, and her family taught her the value of hard work.

We are so, so very proud of Ava Lawless and her commitment to serving our Nation. I couldn't be more proud and honored to recognize her today as our first appointee to the United States Air Force Academy.

God bless you, Ava. God be with you, and we look forward to seeing you here on Capitol Hill some day.

HONORING THOMAS W. DORTCH, JR.

(Mr. BISHOP of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give honor, along with the members of the Georgia delegation, to my friend of longstanding for almost 50 years, Mr. Thomas Dortch of Atlanta, Georgia.

Thomas is a fine gentleman, a Fort Valley State University graduate, a strong alumnus, a big supporter of the Fort Valley Foundation, and he is a founder of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation.

He is a stalwart, a pillar of the 100 Black Men of the United States, and he has done so much for so many in mentoring youngsters.

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Tommy has given so much to so many for so long, and we are so delighted to honor him and his legacy today.

OPPOSITION TO THE NEW YORK 2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL

(Mr. MOLINARO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul's 2023 budget proposal.

Each year, Congress directs billions of Medicaid dollars to the State and local government to administer programs to help our most vulnerable neighbors.

Governor Hochul's budget puts these programs at risk and the people served in danger. Her budget steals \$1 billion in Federal Medicaid dollars from the most vulnerable to subsidize a bloated and broken State bureaucracy.

It puts programs that are meant to serve hungry children, impoverished seniors, and working mothers on the chopping block.

That is what is at risk: Things like food assistance and senior nursing care and addiction treatment services.

Governor Hochul is stealing from programs that help children, seniors, and those living in poverty and putting Albany bureaucracy in control of another billion dollars in taxpayer money.

Mr. Speaker, I oppose this budget and seek that we protect the most vulnerable of our neighbors all across New York.

QUESTIONING SUPPORT FOR DONALD TRUMP

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to question my Republican colleagues' continued support of Donald Trump. He does not support our country nor their party.

He rejects our American Constitution. He steals Republican funds. For example, he raised \$150 million for Republican candidates and then kept all the money for himself and his rallies.

He insults Americans of faith and used the Bible as a prop during a promotional shoot. He attacks Republican officials and works to remove them from office. Now he could face Federal prosecution for his role in the January 6 insurrection.

I am proud to be part of the Democratic Party that works for the American people, not one person. Yet, too many Republicans support Donald Trump more than our country. It does not make sense to me nor the American people.

DEBT CEILING HYPOCRISY

(Mr. BACON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the President's hypocrisy when it comes to the debt ceiling. He opposed raising the debt ceiling three different times.

Here are some of those quotes when he voted to oppose debt ceiling increases. He said, "My vote against the debt limit increase cannot change the fact that we have incurred this debt already, and will no doubt incur more."

He also said, "It's a statement that I refuse to be associated with the policies that brought us to this point."

He also said, "There is just so much of our debt that other nations want to hold. The more of it they accumulate, the closer we are to the day when they will not want any more."

He also said, "Our interest rates will go up, the value of their U.S. bonds will drop, and we will have big problems."

The roots of that threat lie in the disastrous policies of this administration. I could go on and on. It is all in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Three times he has opposed raising the debt ceiling. The way you spell hypocrisy when it comes to the debt ceiling is simple. It is B-I-D-E-N.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING PETE REED

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Pete Reed, an alum